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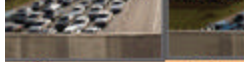
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# Gen. Lejeune statue to be unveiled

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**NEW ROADS** -- A statue of U.S. Marine Corps hero and Pointe Coupee Parish native Lt. Gen. John Archer Lejeune will be unveiled during a 3 p.m. ceremony Sunday in front of the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse.

The main Marine base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., is named for Lejeune.

The base's commander, Maj. Gen. Ronald Richard, a Louisiana native, will deliver the keynote speech. LeJeune's grandson, retired Marine Corps Col. James Glennan Jr., will attend.

The U.S. Marine Corps band from New Orleans will perform.

The effort to create the statue started when Richard discovered there was little to commemorate Lejeune's life in his home parish.

Lejeune commanded a Marine division in World War I and went on to serve as Marine Corps commandant from 1920 to 1929.

He died in 1942, just as the amphibious tactics he championed helped the Marines defeat the Japanese in the Pacific.

Richard recruited New Orleans oilman and philanthropist Pat Taylor to work on organizing a fund-raising effort to create a statue.

Taylor, a former Marine, paid for the project himself and commissioned the casting of several additional statues. One of those statues will be unveiled next week at Camp Lejeune.

Sunday's unveiling will follow a 1 p.m. Veterans Day ceremony at the False River Memorial Park and Mausoleum.

Richard also will speak at that ceremony to commemorate deceased veterans of all wars.

False River Memorial Park is on False River Drive (La. 1) next to Pointe Coupee General Hospital.

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